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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

VICTORIA v. NEW ZEALAND

Starting off like champions the Kiwis looked as though they would continue on their winning way but an injury shortly after half-time left them with ten men and they were fortunate to only lose 2-1. The goal of the match was that scored by Begnini, the Victorian outside-right, receiving a perfect ground pass from centre-forward, Boz, he shot first time from about the eighteen-yard line into the top far corner of the net. This made up for the goal he missed in the first half when, with goalkeeper Hiddlestone practically at the edge of the penalty area, his shot went sailing across the empty goal and over the line for a goal kick. It was an illustration of what Len Young has often said, that give players a ball outside the penalty area, with the goal unattended, and you will be amazed how many shots miss the goals altogether.

Captain Tom Jack had a handful in the first forty-five minutes trying to subdue centre-forward King, the live-wire of the New Zealand attack. After the interval the Kiwi attack became practically non-existent and the Victorian defence was in supreme command. Big Steve Zakomarok gave a disappointing game, his play seemed to lack some of the old-time zest. Young Brian Roberts came through with a creditable effort in his first representative match. Of the forward-line Sid Thomas gave a sound display only marred by heading over the bar from two yards out in the closing minutes. The other inside player, Harry Rice, was hardly sighted until the last twenty minutes when he really came into his own. I thought centre-forward Boz deserved better support in the first half when he frequently lured New Zealand centre-half Traynor out of position. The Juventus wingers Plateo and Begnini were more notable during the second half.

One question arises — why should the left-half have to take the corner kicks from the left-wing?

The New Zealanders play a type of soccer similar to that of New South Wales and their encounters in Sydney and Newcastle should provide spectators with plenty of thrills.

SOUTH AMERICAN FOOTBALL

One of the city newsreel theatres last week was showing a short on 1952 World Cup champions, Uruguay. It provided good entertainment for soccer followers. A group of young lads were first of all shown in a park keeping the ball off the ground with the use of head and feet; their control was amazing. The film next showed the Uruguay team training, and then a few minutes of a big match. The referee was imported from England. Their soccer was fast and spectacular, play going from end to end in a matter of seconds. At the finish the victors ran a lap of honour around the stadium to acknowledge the cheers of the huge crowd!

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EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Victoria's defeat of the New Zealand team last Wednesday week was followed on the Saturday by the Tourist's victory over what can only be described as the poorest Australian side since the War.

In no part of the field was the Australian team satisfactory. Passes went astray, all the afternoon, and the local boys were yards too slow on the ball. Frankly, without intending to detract from Kiwi's efforts, the Australian team made the visitors look much better than they were.

This does not mean to say that we would like to see the Australian selectors revert to the old system of 80 per cent. of players from one State and an odd player or two from one or two other States as a "sop".

But as long as we are faced with Interstate players arriving just before the Test Match we are not likely to get much cohesion or system out of our National side.

Our sympathies go to Victorian State Coach, Len Young, who, appointed coach of the Australian side for the Melbourne game, met some of his charges only an hour before the game. A few words of advice and on the field went eleven men from five States to try and play football together for the country. Laughable? Styles of football are very different in the various States with S.A. and Victoria playing a much slower type of game than N.S.W. and Queensland. Blending of the different styles when the players meet only at the game is virtually impossible and should not be attempted.

The difficulty and expense of getting players together a few days before the match is undoubtedly an obstacle, but if Ron Adair, from W.A., could be kept in Melbourne for a week between the Australian XI going on to Adelaide and the Melbourne Test, no doubt the others could also be brought together earlier.

Bright spot of both Wednesday and Saturday was the performance of the Schoolboys in the Curtain-raiser. These three school teams and others have all had the benefit of Len Young's advice and coaching. Fine schoolboy teams are the result and the crowd showed its appreciation.

The Victorian Association is to be commended for taking this opportunity of letting the public see the fine standard of soccer now being played in Victorian Technical and High Schools, and also for giving the boys experience of playing before large crowds for within a few years some of these boys will be out there again playing for their State, and we hope — Australia.

The New Zealand team proved to be the easiest International side to entertain that Victoria has ever played host to. Both Manager Kershaw and Assistant Manager Carruthers were most helpful and could not do enough to co-operate with State and Australian officials, while the players, headed by Skipper Jim Hunter, were surely the most easy-going, likeable bunch of fellows who have ever represented their country.

Climax of the Victorian part of the tour was a dinner at the Oriental Hotel after the Test Match. State President, Mr. E. B. Coles, provided the highlight of the evening when he personally presented each official and player of the N.Z. team with either a trophy or gift. A truly magnificent gesture which the Kiwi's really appreciated.

Today sees a return to normality and League fixtures with little time left for clubs to stave off relegation or achieve promotion.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

CUP TIE FIXTURES

Fixtures have now been arranged as follows, with the venue Toorak Park:—

September 11.—Harry Armstrong Semi-final, Moreland or Box Hill v. Polonia. Kick-off 1 p.m.

September 11.—Dockerty Cup Semi-final, Juventus v. Footscray City. Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

September 18.—Harry Armstrong Semi-final, Hakoah v. South Yarra. Kick-off 1 p.m.

September 18.—Dockerty Cup Semi-final, J.U.S.T. v. Hakoah. Kick-off 2.45 p.m

September 25.—Both Cup Finals to be played.

No extra time will be played in the Cup matches. In the event of a drawn game dates will be revised.

DOCKERTY CUP SEMI-FINAL DRAW

This draw was made at the V.A.S.F.A. Dinner on Saturday, August 14, held in honour of the New Zealand team, by Messrs. Telfer (S.A.), P. J. Clarey, M.H.R., E. B. Coles, President, and Dr. Walker, Council.

—S. BEATON, Sec. V.A.S.F.A., 737 Malvern Rd., Toorak, S.E.2. BJ 3557 (evenings).

FIXTURES COMMITTEE

All clubs and officials please note revision of fixtures, i.e.:

First Division.—Matches postponed 14/8/54 to be played on 4/9/54:—South Yarra v. J.U.S.T. Polonia v. Hakoah. Box Hill v. Prahran. Juventus v. Moreland. Brighton v. Footscray City. Reserves play reverse fixtures.

Second Division.—Matches postponed 14/8/54 to be played on 4/9/54:—Maccabi v. Geelong. Park Rangers v. Sunshine United. White Eagles v. Yallourn. Sunshine City v. Preston. South Melbourne United v. George Cross. Reserves play reverse fixtures.

Third Division.—Hellenic v. Slavia (28/8/54). Dandenong v. F.N.D. (28/8/54). Sandringham City v. Hellenic (4/9/54).

Fourth Division.—Wilhelmina v. University (28/8/54). Upper Yarra Dam v. Victorian Colts (29/8/54, Sunday), at Middle Park. University v. Victorian Colts (5/9/54, Sunday), at Middle Park.

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Under "20" Australian Junior Soccer Carnival in Adelaide

ITINERARY

Tuesday evening, August 24 — Official welcome.
Wednesday evening, August 25 — A.J.S.F.A. Conference.

CARNIVAL GAMES

Wednesday, August 25	— 1.30 p.m., Victoria v. South Australia.
	— 3.10 p.m., Queensland v. Western Australia.
Thursday, August 26	— 3.10 p.m., Western Australia v. South Australia.
	— Evening (floodlit) Victoria v. Queensland.
Friday, August 27	— 1.30 p.m., Queensland v. South Australia.
	— 3.10 p.m., Victoria v. Western Australia.
Sunday, August 29	— 3.10 p.m., Final between two top teams.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

J.U.S.T. v. HAKOAH

HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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Without the Press, and to some extent the radio, sport would have to advertise itself. Then we would perhaps be unaware of the tantrums of cycling manager Young in Canada. It is often thought that soccer does not use the opportunities of advertising by billboards or hoardings, unsightly things that they are. There has been so much chopping and changing of grounds and fixtures during the last few months, that we have pity on the stranger to Elsternwick Park on Saturday (August [illegible] who, walking down to the ground from the junction, could not help but esp[illegible] a smart looking board which said "Soccer", and underneath, "Brighton v. Prahran, July 24."

WET WEATHER TIPS

Ref. Hutchinson was [illegible]e wisest man on the ground on Saturday week, and I am not referring [illegible]e fact that, as the referee, he was supposed to be foolproof. I do mea[illegible] at he was almost rainproof. How many in the crowd were aware th[illegible] his white shirt he was wearing a transparent plastic one? It was [illegible] dent, yet he could have worn his shirt home after the game, inst[illegible]having to use it as a wet towel. It is to be expected that all oth[illegible]ees and linesmen will take this tip. Standing on the line in a soaki[illegible] shirt can be avoided.

A pity that some [illegible]rs seem to make no provision for wet conditions. The Polonia and J.U[illegible]. teams were behaving at times as though it was a skating rink. Per[illegible]s they had boot-stops adapted for dry and hard grounds. Of all the players, only Alempijivic could be noticed in a clean shirt for the second half, but the number 15 on the back looked odd for a soccer match.

LAST MINUTE CHOICE

Some players I know others I have heard of, but who is Smith? It is unfortunate that Plateo was unable to take his place in the Australian team last Saturday, but the choice of deputy left many wondering who was the new player. There was also some wondering at many original selections, but who would be a selector? So the New Zealanders did not turn out to be easy meat after all, and the hopeful ideas that some people have of the standard of the game in Australia must have received a rude jolt.

[Ted Smith is outside-left for Victorian Colts team, registered with Moreland. After travelling to Adelaide he did not get a game, the selector preferring to play a S.A. reserve player.—Editor.]

TIPSTER

The "Daily Mirror", the daily with the largest circulation in Britain (over five million) runs a soccer forecast every Wednesday, and will do for

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another fortnight, on Australian soccer. They appear to have the most success at tipping the matches, and their prophet is none other than Bill Fleming, who turned in an "all correct" one week. Bad luck that there are no "pools" out here, Bill.

THE QUARTER-FINALS

The two matches at Elsternwick were contrasting ones, and, fortunately for most of the spectators, the second game was the better one.

J.U.S.T. won a poor game by the only goal scored, and that not a very convincing one, the versatile Vidovic applying the finishing touch. Zivic seemed too intent on trying to place his penalty kick, and Czauderna was able to smother the shot, although losing the ball. Few spectators could have anticipated the 100 yards dash of Nickolic before the kick was to be taken and were somewhat amazed to see him obviously waiting to take it. With more than one goal up he might have been lucky.

The least said about the Polonia team the better. They were a shadow [illegible] the side that won the previous week, and the absence of Pittoni on International duty, was little excuse. Bang went my Cup prediction, and despite the let-out of saying that their victors would win the trophy, somehow I cannot see J.U.S.T. doing it: in fact, the Cup looks like taking a new name.

The Yallourn clash with the Cup-holders did prove to be the match of the day, and Yallourn soon showed why they will be in the premier league next season. After their second goal Klassic hugged the post and nearly wept: he had good cause to. Reminiscent of the famous vaudeville act of the "continental goalkeeper" on the music-halls back home.

Where did Harry Sutherland get his newly-acquired speed? Most games he has been content to coast along and let fly occasionally with a pile-driver, such as the one that Blunt, a fine goalkeeper, helped over the bar. His winning goal was not such an easy one as it looked, as he had little time to hook it home.

With so many new arrivals to Australia forming the star players in the State, it is a pleasure to see the strides that Sid Thomas is making in the game. He rarely turns on a bad exhibition, goes as strongly at the end of a match as at the beginning, and is always trying to play football, not the kick and hope stuff.

A pity that a penalty kick came into the reckoning but the referee was right on the spot. To fight back from two goals down with only 10 men, deserves victory, and that is where the steadying influence of seasoned campaigners like Rice and Sutherland stands Hakoah in good stead.

SOME TEST REFLECTIONS

The general verdict was that the Kiwis deserved their win. Their play was more direct, and they were quicker on the ball. This was particularly noticeable in the play of Nunn, who often appeared to wait for [illegible]e pass to reach him, only to find Hunter nipping in first. Rice had a [illegible]and in Australia's only goal, but did not add to his reputation with several hopeful high belts in the general direction of his partner on the right wing. Sands was not as prominent as Robertson, and with others, seems likely to lose his place. Hearne showed up well, and saved one certain goal when the ball was crossing the line with the rest of the defence yards away.

The New Zealanders owed a lot to Hunter, who shut up the middle, and their defence positioned themselves better than the home team. What a fine kicker is Hiddlestone — every goal kick clearing the half-way mark.

One felt sorry for Wild, the former Queensland left-winger. What a long trip to make, after a hold-up en route, to be crocked after 50 minutes.

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Ten minutes earlier in the game, and Sid Thomas would have been on the field instead of being used to the Australian shirt only in the dressing-room.

Two free-kicks for Australia were mighty close to the penalty line. A lob over the wall of defenders seemed the best way to try to score, as there was precious little goal to shoot at.

Thanks, Kiwis, for providing some sparkle to what has not been a particularly invigorating season.

RISKY PRACTICE

It happens quite often that the goalkeeper has to fall on the ball to save, right in the path of the advancing centre-forward. Unable to check his forward rush, the attacker may do one of three things. He may jump over the goalie, may kick at the ball and injure the keeper, or may hurt himself, a possibility that had not entered his head. The second step is often done on the spur of the moment, and the player feels sorry afterwards when the goalie is taken off with a broken arm. The first procedure that of jumping over, brings applause from the crowd as a sporting gesture whereas the player is only using his head. Realising that he has no hope of scoring if the ball is safely covered, he makes sure that neither gets hurt.

The third style unfortunately happened on Saturday in the First Test, and has happened so often before. King ran on to Bone, who had fallen on the ball and, catching his foot under Bone's body, stumbled forward under his own impetus. In a case like that something has to give way, and usually it is a bone or two. In this case King possibly ripped his tendons, which is hardly much better. Dooley broke his left leg in similar fashion last year in England, and had it amputated. I also remember seeing a chap wheeled into a ward with a compound fracture of one leg all through a "simple" stumble over the goalie in a game, a "friendly" at that, an hour before.

It is one of the most dangerous practices on the soccer field, but the outcome never enters a player's head. It all looks so simple.

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Arsenal will play Moscow Dynamo in Moscow in October. Two matches have been arranged.

Arsenal had previously refused to play two matches in August.

There is also a match between England and the U.S.S.R. in the wind.

AMNESTY FOR S. AMERICAN STARS

In Argentina, an amnesty was declared by the Government to celebrate the Peron Government's support of sport.

All sportsmen undergoing penalties, no matter how serious, have been reinstated. It was thought this would not cover footballers who broke the F.A. ruling that no players would be allowed to play for Colombian clubs. An agreement has been reached between the associations, and now these players will be able to play with their old clubs when the Colombian season ends.

RAPIDE DEFEAT HONVED!

Some good results were obtained for Austrian soccer a couple of months ago.

The Hungarian Army team, Honved, from which most of Hungary's national side come, suffered at the hands of Rapide, 2-1.

Rapide also defeated a Czechoslovakian XI, 3-1, and drew with Flamengo, of Brazil, 2-2. Linzer Ask defeated Flamengo, 1-0. Honved defeated Austrian F.C., 5-1, and an Austrian League XI, beat Tottenham Hotspur, 2-0.

Ernst Oowerk, Gerhard Hanappi, and Ernst Happel, three of Austria's stars, have approached the chairman of the Austrian F.A., Dr. Joseph Gero, asking that the age limit of 30 be reduced to 26, so that they can transfer to foreign clubs.

COUNCIL JOTTINGS

By CHARLES DODD

The Victorian Junior Soccer Football Association was authorised to wear an official badge similar to that of the Senior Association, but including the letter "J" for Junior.

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A letter from Mr. Frank McIvor was received which stated the difficulties of the L.V.A.. Mr. McIvor refunded a loan that had been made to L.V.A. by the V.A.S.F.A. as due to insufficient support they were finding it impossible to progress in the district as desired.

Members expressed sympathy with the officials of the L.V.A., but stated that the trouble seemed to be that main support in the area was for the Yallourn Club, who are members of the First Division, and would only suffer in the same manner should they be excluded from their present league.

Our Cover

McGinnis (Prahran right-back) runs up to clear as Copeland (Juventus centre-forward) fails to connect with cross from the right wing in the game between Prahran and Juventus at Como Park which resulted in a 1-1 draw.

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CORNER KICKS

By KEVIN LOTT

ERIC HEATH has a perpetual smile these days. His wife won third prize in "Tatts". Married only a few weeks ago, Eric and his wife are off to a good start.

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WHO —— was —— tired —— me —— or —— the —— tape —— recorder —— on —— last —— Saturday —— night's —— broadcast?

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HARRY ROBERTSON, who scored Australia's only goal, has not been included in the N.S.W. team to play New Zealand.

Seems there is a difference of opinion between State and Australi selectors.

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RUBBISH is what I write, so I have been told by leading soccer identity. He must read it to be able to comment so harshly. At least I have achieved my aim. Getting readers, no matter what they think.

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BOMB did not explode with force that was expected. It did wake a few people up out of a sleep.

"Brighton 'em up a bit," was the result of 2½ hours' debate.

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WHO was the referee that took the ball into the pavilion at half time then tried to start the game with it still there?

It's hard enough with a ball; but to play without one?

Well, it is just not done.

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I SAW referee examine Steve Zakomarok's studs half way through the Victorian game against New Zealand. Surely this should have been done before the start.

Hand ball go on to give Victoria its first goal against New Zealand.

Australia takes seven free kicks to N.Z's. two in the first half on Saturday.

Lack of phones for the Press at the Showgrounds.

Jack Wilson strip as reserve for Australia.

Dave Stoddart flat out re-studding boots for both teams.

Footscray and Oakleigh Technical game a crowd pleaser.

Lack of music at interval, even a pipe band would have done.

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THE PRESIDENT of the V.A.S.F.A. (Mr. E. B. Coles), gave the N.Z. boys a send off on Saturday night they won't forget.

—Continued on page 10

Learn with Len Young

Soccer Coaching

The eleventh of a series of articles by the V.A.S.F.A. Official Coach.

GAME CONDITIONINGS (continued)

My fourth conditioning deals with a subject which, in spite of many examples shown by centre-halves and full-backs, is very rarely followed, particularly by the youth of soccer. I refer to the "pass back".

One of the first lessons learnt by defenders is the knowledge that they can, when in possession of the ball and facing their own goal, "get themselves out of trouble" by passing back to the goalkeeper. But how many times do you see a forward, after having received a ball facing his own goal, clip it back to a half-back or a full-back? No, the majority of them would rather turn with the ball and chance running into trouble, which so often hits them very quickly in the person of an opponent who, after all, must be made favourite in the struggle, as the art of turning with the leather under control is a very skilful undertaking.

Undoubtedly, the majority of passes are made to forwards (particularly the centre-forward) from behind. In effect, they have to turn, face their own defence, and collect the ball with their **backs turned** to their opponents. For the instant, he has no knowledge of what is happening behind him, and as he receives the ball, has to sense how, where, or what, his immediate opponent is doing. How much easier it is for the player receiving to suddenly dash to meet the ball, hit it back, then turn and run past that chap behind him. If his colleague can then get a through-ball to him "the attack is on", and one opponent, remember, has been beaten by this simple strategy which means, of course, that there is one less defender in the path of a hungry goal-minded forward.

Even presuming that the defender we have just written about as beaten, is a very intelligent player and as soon as he saw the forward run to meet the pass, anticipated what could happen, and, therefore, "stayed at home", and thus nullified any effort made for that through-pass. Well, certainly no harm has been done, the forward who made the back-pass, got himself out of any possible trouble, and has given his colleague a chance to start an attack from another angle.

Countless times have I heard disapproval expressed in no uncertain terms by spectators who have witnessed intelligent back-passing, and the player responsible is usually informed that he is "kicking into the other goal", etc.

Game conditionings that include "angle-passing" or "making angles" (Soccer Coaching (nine)) are very useful as a step in getting the players educated towards the ultimate pass to be stressed.

One of the best games I've tried, however, is conditioned to, "one pass forward, and one pass back". Any coach or team manager trying this game, must remember to shout the nature of the pass to be made. Players, particularly the young 'uns, in the excitement of play, are apt to forget the sequence of passes.

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Pot-Shots — Continued

Every member was presented with a silver mug, the captain, team manager and his assistant, received a set of silver spoons.

Everyone had a most enjoyable evening at the Oriental Hotel.

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THE MEETING of players and referees, scheduled for August 23, has been postponed until further notice.

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LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN

It's time the disciplinary committee took action to protect referees. On Sunday a player struck the referee a cowardly blow, knocking him to the ground.

A few weeks ago I wrote on the same subject, but to no avail. I was then witness to a scene I hoped I would never see again. A player struck the referee, tore up his note book and refused to give his name; he was put out for two years.

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JUNIOR SECTION

The following have been selected as the State Under 20 squad. They will journey to Adelaide to defend the Skolnik Cup and play in an Interstate Carnival (date to be announced later).

D. Smith, Vangetosta, J. Smith, Nithsdale, Sharp, Czesluski, Pethwick (Sunshine United; Wes Smith, Brien, I. Smith (Footscray); Sullivan, Cousin, McIvor, Peters (Hakoah); Marston (Preston); Mr. R. Ferguson (manager); Mr. S. Newman (assistant manager).

In the Under 15 Sunshine United went down to Essendon and, although Sunshine looked like having the premiership in hand, it looks now as if Preston will pip them.

The big surprise was the Victorian Colts downing Prahran senior team by four goals. Although senior football, these Colts are all drawn from junior ranks, and under the coaching of Mr. Young, have welded into a midable side.

Three of the State Under 15 team were asked by Mr. Young to train with the Colts. This is a high honour for these boys. They are Ron McCall, of Preston, S. McCollough, of Essendon, and Paul Brown, of Sunshine United.

Preston have released Ron McCall on the understanding he can play in the Cup games, as Preston look like winning the premiership. This action, by this club, is highly commendable and other clubs should follow the example.

I was asked to point out that a two-footed tackle was legal. Well, it's one of those sticky ones again. For a player to tackle with both feet, unless he is very good, he must at some time have both feet off the ground. So, if you do, be careful. I may be sticking my neck out, but I don't think there's any junior good enough to do it.

If the rumour that Angus Drennen is to retire is correct, let's hope he passes on his knowledge to juniors.—Denis Chambers.

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1. Pascoe Vale have withdrawn from the Under 20 League. Park Rangers have withdrawn from the Under 15 League.
2. Clubs who have trophies for their various grades are asked to bring them to the next General Meeting, September 7, Scott's Hotel, City.
3. Park Rangers players from the Under 15 team who wish to apply for a clearance to play for another club are asked to write to me at 20 Hampton Street, Hampton.
4. Club managers are reminded they must ring the results of Cup games to WF 3915 (Mr. J. O. Wilshaw).

In the event of Cup games being drawn at full-time, an extra 30 minutes play is allowed (15 minutes each way).

The Junior Association accepts, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Jack Olsen as Secretary of the Junior Association, who has had to resign through pressure of business, and finds it impossible to carry on.

—GEO. ELLIS, Acting Secretary, V.J.A.S.F.A.

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DUNKLING SHIELD SEMI-FINAL

By DENIS CHAMBERS

On Wednesday, August 11, Northcote High School played Oakleigh Technical School at Yarra Park for the right to go into the final.

The game started very scrappily, nerves were all haywire, with most of the boys, but after five minutes Northcote settled down and repeatedly attacked and were turned back by Oakleigh's right-half and centre-half time and time again. However, after a nice move by Northcote's inside-right and right-wing, the inside man scored. Shortly after Northcote netted again from a dropping shot which baffled the 'keeper. Half-time saw Northcote two goals up and looking very confident.

The second half saw Oakleigh a different team and they had all the attack. Northcote's forward line went to pieces. Two long, dropping shots

got Oakleigh two goals, and with only five minutes to go the centre-forward for Oakleigh scored. About one minute after Oakleigh outside-left put a hard cross over which went off the Northcote's back into the net. Result: Oakleigh four; Northcote two.

Northcote lost because their forwards failed to press their advantage in the second half. Oakleigh were lucky their slow start nearly cost them the match.

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DUNKLING SHIELD FINAL

On Saturday, August 14, Footscray Technical School played Oakleigh Technical School in one of the finest junior games ever witnessed in Victoria.

The game was played as a curtain-raiser to the Test Match. Oakleigh scored first. Footscray settled down very quickly and went into attack, and the feature of their play was the wing to wing attacks which left the Oakleigh defence flat-footed. Oakleigh again were slow to settle down. The result: Footscray had two goals up in 15 minutes.

Oakleigh settled down and for a while the game see-sawed between the two half-back lines. The positional play of both teams was perfect and neither team could break through. The play went from wing to wing when a nicely-placed pass from Oakleigh's right-half to his inside-left, who shot first time, found the net. Shortly after came the goal of the day. Footscray's outside-left took a corner kick which curled into the top right-hand corner of the goal. The perfect inswinging corner so very rarely seen. Half time saw Footscray three goals to one.

In the second half Oakleigh went into attack and played as a team. Time and time again they attacked to be turned back by Footscray's centre-half and full-backs. However, a low ground shot by Oakleigh's outside-right was allowed to pass the full-back and goalkeeper, who thought it was going out — instead it rolled over the line for a goal.

For the next five minutes both teams attacked only to find both defences playing well. Then a pass from Oakleigh's centre-half found the Oakleigh centre-forward, who had wandered away to his right. With a first-time shot he gave the 'keeper no chance. Footscray went into attack and a cross from the left-wing saw the inside-right and goalkeeper collide and nobody knew where the ball was. Footscray centre-forward was the first to realise and rushed in and netted. Oakleigh were flat out to equalise and Footscray 'keeper made two magnificent saves — one which he flung himself full length across the goal to fist over the bar. So Footscray won four goals to three. Oakleigh lost because they were slow to settle down, a fatal thing in a match like this.

On the whole the standard was very good and credit must go to their coaches for their work. It is interesting to note very few of these boys play Saturday competition, only the clubs have themselves to blame. Footscray centre-half would be an asset to any team as would Oakleigh's right- a centre-half.—Denis Chambers.

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Sunshine United have won the Under 20 League this year.

Brighton have won the Under 17 League.

Preston and Sunshine United will have to play off for the premiership in the Under 15 League.

Brighton have also won the Under 14 League.

Congratulations are extended to all those clubs in winning their respective Leagues.

The Junior State team leaves for Adelaide on Monday, August 23, from Spencer Street at 8 p.m. All members of the soccer world are asked to come along and wish the lads "bon voyage" and to return with the trophies.

Their first game will be against South Australia and it will be for the Skolnik Cup as well as for the premiership. (Victoria holds both trophies.)

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To all clubs in the Cup matches. In the event of a draw after full time, extra time to be played will be 10 minutes each way for all grades. If no result after the extra time, the game to be replayed the following week.

MEETING

That a revision of rules meeting will be held next month, September, and any clubs with suggestions for new rules must send them to the Acting Secretary, 29 Hampton Street, Hampton, at least one week before the meeting.—Geo. Ellis, Acting Secretary, V.J.A.S.F.A.

ESSENDON UNDER 15

On August 14 Essendon and Sunshine City, both fielding weakened teams, drew one goal each. Essendon's goal came from a good shot by centre-forward, Tregair. Sunshine's from a penalty awarded for "hands".

In general play Sunshine may have been superior, but the retreating defence used by Essendon frustrated City's scoring moves. Both goalkeepers played excellently.

Although the standard of play was generally poor, it is hard to understand why Sunshine is not up with the leaders — the talent is there. This applies to numerous other clubs. I think team spirit comes first — individual performance follows.—W. Bradshaw.

STATE SCHOOL SOCCER

Wales Street State played their annual match against Fairfield State. This, for these boys, was their very first game. Having been taught the game this year, the result was a draw — one goal each. The standard was pretty good and the lessons in spacing seemed to have been learnt by both teams and even in the exciting moments crowding was not noticed.

For Wales Street W. Smith, at centre-half, was the best on the ground, and Couch, their centre-forward, played well. For Fairfield Angelo, at full-back, played well, and Crossley, in goal, played very well.—Denis Chambers.

AROUND THE CLUBS

BAYSWATER

The Bayswater Soccer Club was founded in 1953 and commenced playing football in the Fourth Division Reserve in 1954.

Considering that this is our first year of competitive soccer, our team has done very well. We take second place in the League ladder behind St. Albans, and with only one game to go, are safe as regards promotion.

The number of goals scored is 85 against 18, and this result could even be better if we had not had so many walk-overs.

At the start of the season luck was against us, and we dropped two points in the first game against St. Kilda. From then on we went all right and the form and technique of our players, most of whom are of German stock, has since improved considerably.

Through the return games we went undefeated, dropping only one point a draw with St. Albans.

The Dockerty Cup games gave us a chance to play against higher clubs.

In the second round we defeated Fairfield, a Third Division club, but were knocked out by Polonia in the following round. Next year we will also field a Reserve team and a Junior team if possible. Since we have a number of very young enthusiastic players, the future prospects for the Bayswater Soccer Club seem to be reasonably bright.—W. Blaich.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1954.

UNDER 20 LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	15	13	1	1	51	13	27
Footscray City	15	12	0	3	50	18	24
Juventus	14	9	1	4	47	16	19
Brighton	16	9	0	7	37	32	18
Sunshine City	15	8	1	6	24	22	17
Polonia	14	8	1	5	45	29	17
Hakoah	14	5	2	7	31	31	12
Box Hill	15	5	2	8	22	42	12
Frankston	15	3	0	12	16	52	6
Preston	16	3	0	13	15	66	6
Pascoe Vale	17	4	0	13	21	39	

(Pascoe Vale have withdrawn.)

UNDER 17 LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton	16	15	1	0	55	7	31
St. Kilda	16	11	2	3	44	15	24
Sunshine City	16	11	2	3	39	15	24
Prahran	16	7	2	7	47	28	16
Pascoe Vale	16	6	4	6	33	35	16
Box Hill	16	6	3	7	17	30	15
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	16	6	1	9	30	39	13
Sunshine United	16	3	3	10	12	32	9
Moorabbin "A"	16	3	2	11	30	48	8
Moorabbin "B"	14	1	0	13	2	57	2

UNDER 15 LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	19	15	3	1	84	15	33
Preston	19	16	1	2	52	12	33
Box Hill	18	12	2	4	37	9	26
Sunshine City	19	10	3	6	45	29	23
Essendon "A"	18	10	3	4	40	13	23
Brighton	19	10	1	8	31	64	
Pascoe Vale	19	9	2	8	21	41	
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	19	8	0	11	6	58	14
Moorabbin	19	5	2	12	19	56	12
Park Rangers	17	3	1	13	7	32	7
Essendon "B"	19	1	0	18	3	18	2

UNDER 14 LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton "A"	19	18	0	1	65	7	36
Box Hill "A"	19	17	0	2	105	14	34
Prahran	16	15	0	1	113	15	30
Moorabbin	19	11	2	6	56	19	24
Sunshine City	17	8	2	7	19	29	18
Brighton "B"	15	6	3	6	13	25	15
South Melb. United	18	7	0	11	37	51	14
Hakoah	18	6	2	10	28	45	14
Fairfield	19	5	0	14	21	130	10
Park Rangers	14	4	1	9	21	54	9
Box Hill "B"	12	1	0	11	4	42	2
Williamstown	14	0	0	14	1	26	0

TECHNICAL SCHOOL SOCCER

(End-of-Season Tables)

NORTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Footscray	10	10	0	0	54	4	20
Preston	10	7	1	2	25	14	15
Box Hill	10	5	1	4	19	24	11
Collingwood	10	3	1	6	14	35	7
Swinburne	10	1	2	7	5	17	4
South Melbourne	10	1	1	8	9	32	3

SOUTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Caulfield	10	10	0	0	45	9	20
Oakleigh	10	8	0	2	67	17	16
Brighton	10	3	2	5	29	35	8
Sandringham	10	1	5	4	26	45	7
Richmond	10	1	4	5	16	33	6
Prahran	10	0	3	7	11	53	3

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LEAGUE TABLES

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FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	15	10	5	0	44	16	25
Hakoah	14	10	1	3	53	27	21
Brighton	14	8	2	4	38	27	18
J.U.S.T.	14	8	2	4	39	30	18
Polonia	14	6	5	3	27	17	17
Footscray City	14	6	0	8	29	39	12
Moreland	14	5	1	8	36	37	11
Prahran	15	4	2	9	21	39	10
Box Hill	15	4	0	11	34	57	8
South Yarra	15	1	2	12	21	56	4

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	15	12	2	1	49	19	26
Yallourn	15	10	4	1	39	11	24
Sunshine City	15	10	1	4	34	24	21
Park Rangers	15	8	2	5	45	37	18
Maccabi	15	7	1	7	39	39	15
South Melbourne	15	6	2	7	34	36	14
Preston	15	4	2	9	18	26	10
Geelong	15	3	4	8	23	38	10
White Eagles	15	4	0	11	25	44	8
Sunshine United	15	1	2	12	9	41	4

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	16	14	1	1	73	12	29
F.N.D.	16	13	1	2	49	19	27
Hellenic	15	12	1	2	64	31	25
Sandringham City	16	7	4	5	39	26	18
Dandenong	16	7	1	8	35	41	15
Moorabbin City	17	5	2	10	35	51	12
Frankston	17	4	4	9	27	47	12
Williamstown	17	4	2	11	30	47	10
Coburg	17	3	4	10	18	58	10
Fairfield	17	1	4	12	13	49	6

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maribyrnong	17	13	3	1	53	15	29
Wilhelmina	16	13	1	2	59	15	27
Ukrainia	17	11	2	4	45	22	24
Upper Yarra Dam	16	9	5	3	47	20	21
I.C.I.	17	9	3	6	40	27	20
University	15	5	1	9	16	58	11
Victorian Colts	6	5	0	1	27	8	10
Heidelberg	16	4	1	11	27	67	9
Nunawading	17	1	1	15	9	72	5

—S. Beaton, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	15	12	0	3	52	17	24
South Yarra	15	11	1	4	38	22	23
Polonia	14	10	1	3	40	14	21
Box Hill	15	8	2	5	35	24	18
Brighton	15	7	4	4	31	26	18
Footscray City	15	5	2	8	39	40	12
Hakoah	14	4	3	7	25	48	11
J.U.S.T.	15	4	2	9	25	46	10
Moreland	14	2	2	9	24	41	6
Prahran	14	1	3	10	26	54	5

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	15	13	1	1	54	7	27
South Melbourne	15	11	2	2	56	12	24
Sunshine City	15	10	2	3	49	13	22
Geelong	15	8	2	5	19	16	18
Park Rangers	15	7	4	4	27	24	18
Yallourn	15	6	3	6	23	23	15
Sunshine United	15	3	5	7	18	48	11
Preston	15	3	3	9	19	40	9
Maccabi	15	2	0	13	8	76	4
White Eagles	15	0	2	13	9	22	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Astor	17	15	0	2	72	16	30
Hellenic	17	14	0	3	54	14	28
Slavia	17	13	0	4	56	25	26
Williamstown	16	12	1	3	50	21	25
Dandenong	15	8	0	7	41	22	16
Sandringham City	16	7	1	8	37	34	15
Union Jack	17	4	0	13	23	59	8
Coburg	16	3	1	12	9	39	7
Moorabbin City	15	2	1	12	16	92	5
Fairfield	16	0	0	16	10	61	0

Dandenong v. Moorabbin City result not telephoned.

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Albans	17	15	2	0	119	21	32
Bayswater	16	13	1	2	72	18	27
St. Kilda	16	10	1	5	37	26	21
Wilhelmina	17	8	2	7	59	44	18
Werribee	16	9	0	7	37	31	18
University	17	7	0	10	21	81	14
Maribyrnong	17	5	0	12	21	33	10
Heidelberg	16	4	1	11	28	55	9
I.C.I.	17	4	1	12	17	48	9
Nunawading	17	4	0	13	12	66	8

Provisional League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	10	7	2	1	40	17	16
Croatia	10	5	2	3	34	20	12
B.W.R.	10	5	2	3	37	24	12
Brighton	10	4	0	6	17	20	8
Box Hill	9	4	0	5	15	34	8
Ukraine	9	1	0	8	5	35	2

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